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THIS TELEGRAM DESCRIBES TRAP MISSION BELIEVES IS BEING LAID
FOR ALLIED OCCUPATION POWERS THROUGH SOV PROPOSED ACTION TO
"ABOLISH" THEIR REMAINING OCCUPATION RESPONSIBILITIES AND
TRANSFER THEM TO "SOVEREIGN" GDR (OURTEL 313 TO BOMN, 360
TO DEPT). PURPOSE OF TRAP IS TO FORCE ALLIED OCCUPATION POWERS
RECOGNIZED GDR. SPRING OF TRAP IS TURNOVER TO GDR OF CONTROL
ALLIED ACCESS TO BERLIN.

ON SURFACE ACCESS ALLIES WILL, IF TRAP SPRING, BE FACED WITH
THREE CHOICES. (1) REFUSE TO ACCEPT GDR CONTROL AND EMPLOY
FORCE; (2) ACCEPT GDR CONTROL; (3) IMPOSE SELF-BLOCKADE.

FIRST COURSE OF ACTION MIGHT INVOLVE A CONSIDERABLE MILITARY
OPERATION AND MISSION NOT IN POSITION TO JUDGE ITS FEASIBILITY.
EVEN IF FIRST CONVOY GETS THROUGH, IT PROBABLE 3 SPEEDING
CONVOYS WILL BE FACED WITH DESTROYED BRIDGES, ROAD BLOCKS,
MINES, ETC, THUS RENDERING OPERATION INADEQUATE SHORT OF
STATIONING TROOPS ALONG ENTIRE LENGTH OF AUSTRIAN AND/OR
RAILROAD (SLIGHTLY OVER 100 MILES EACH).

IF SECOND COURSE OF ACTION ADOPTED ALLIES WILL, MISSION
BELIEVES, BE FACED WITH A SERIES OF CRISES, EACH MORE SERIOUS

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PUBLIC OPINION IN WEST TO VIEW PROBLEM IN THIS LIGHT IN
HOPES GENERATING PUBLIC PRESSURES IN FAVOR RECOGNITION AS
ALTERNATIVE TO BLOCKADE OR POSSIBLE ARMED CLASH. THIS OF
COURSE IS SYNTHETIC FORMULATION OF ISSUE WHICH WE WILL BE
BENT AHEAD TO CONSIDER PROVIDED WE ARE CLEAR IN OUR OWN MINDS
AS TO FAR REACHING SIGNIFICANCE OF EVEN INITIAL MOVES IN
DIRECTION RECOGNITION EAST GERMAN REGIME. IT IS FOR THIS
REASON EMBASSY DISTURBED BY INADEQUACY FORMULATION
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